

I am not angry with any of you. I love and respect each of you. But like my family, when I feel that they have done something unbecoming, they need to be corrected.

Commissioner Nichols stated throwing candy by a City official or employee is asking for a lawsuit against the City in the event of an accident in the parade. She also stated it's not a law, but a recommendation made by the Chamber of Commerce because they are in charge of the parade.

Commissioner Townsend told Commissioner Johnson he didn't intend to offend him or anyone else on the Commission, but he knows everyone has been unsuccessful or not willing to take on the Mayor. He stated the Mayor has not been signing his paperwork or talking to the City Manager; and if the public will let Council know they are dissatisfied with the Mayor, Council will pursue it.

Commissioner Johnson told Commissioner Townsend he still thought the issue was handled improperly by not discussing it first in Executive Session.

Commissioner Drury stated she agrees with Commissioner Johnson; and requested any future issues concerning anyone in personnel be handled in Executive Session.

Commissioner Townsend stated an Executive Session with this Mayor wouldn't do any good.

Mayor Shaw appointed Mrs. Deidra Odum to replace Mr. Stephen Parker on the Downtown Development Authority.

Mr. Thompson asked City Attorney Leaphart was there any reference to the 3rd petition as being filed for rezoning.

City Attorney Leaphart stated he didn't give legal opinions in public.

Mr. Thompson asked Mayor Shaw could he move forward with the rezoning request.

Mayor Shaw stated Council would discuss it.

Mr. W. D. Altman thanked the City Manager and Council for having a training session Saturday for Ethics and Grievance Board members.

Mr. Chad NeSmith, from NeSmith Walker Chevrolet, was present to request the extension of water and sewer to their proposed new car dealership location on Highway 341.

Mayor Shaw stated Council would look into the costs; and City Manager Woodard would contact him.

Commissioner Johnson made motion seconded by Commissioner DeWitt to go into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel issues.

All Council voted yes.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Mayor Shaw reported City Manager Woodard recommended increasing a Wastewater Treatment Plant employee's salary by two steps for passing the certification exam.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Johnson to increase a Wastewater Treatment Plant employee's salary by two steps for passing the certification exam.

Commissioner Nichols abstained. All remaining Council voted yes.

Meeting adjourned.

Rose Marcus Jackson
City Clerk/Treasurer

Bids were as follows:

Harris Ace Hardware	\$21,259.45
Murphy Builders Supply	\$15,919.91

Building Inspector Truett Thompson was present and stated the City had received a \$7,100.00 grant, which required a registered Arborist to identify trees on City property.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the single bid of \$6,435.25 from Jerry Holcomb for tree inventory.

All Council voted yes.

Bid was as follows:

(City Streets: Magnolia, Bay, Orange, Plum, Cherry, Walnut, Pine, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Wayne, Elm, Hickory, Cypress, Mahogany, and Palm)

Jerry Holcomb	\$6,435.25
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Commissioner Nichols asked Police Chief Hutcheson to get with the Animal Control officers and search the Internet in order to create a fair amendment to the Dog Ordinance concerning tethering animals.

Police Chief Hutcheson said he would.

Mayor Shaw stated he received a phone call from State Representative Mark Williams concerning the purchase of a ladder truck for the Fire Department with a USDA Grant.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Drury to proceed with the USDA grant application for a ladder truck, reserving the right to refuse the Grant if the match is too expensive.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner Johnson read the following letter to the Mayor, Commissioners, and the Citizens of Jesup:

What happened at our last meeting caused me great concern. Not that I am for or against what the Mayor may have done, but that he was sentenced before he had a trial.

- 1) Further, it was disrespectful to the other Commissioners for bringing such a personal problem to the meeting before it was discussed with the other Commissioners.
- 2) It was unprofessional to make such an acquisition on a Co-Commissioner without first attempting to solve the problem. I would not want you to do me that way, nor would I want any of you to be treated that way.
- 3) It was also unethical and certainly we were not taught to act like that at our training at our conventions.
- 4) It was definitely not the way the Bible teaches us to handle a situation with our brother.

I have looked through the Mayor’s expense records for the last (4) years. I found some things that could cause questions, to which he may have answers if given the proper opportunity.

I noticed that he goes and attends several things of which we choose not to do. Such as: GEMA, RACH, RDC, DOT and other things representing the City of Jesup; and he needs to be compensated.

I have talked with the Mayors of Brunswick, Waycross, Hinesville, Baxley and Kingsland. They have, for their Mayor, a budget for the Mayor to use at his discretion for City business as long as he has proof of his spending. They suggest that we do the same.

The issue about the Mayor throwing out candy at the Christmas parade: First of all, I do not agree that he should continue to do it. But the idea that the Chamber can make a law to stop it, I do not agree. Only the Federal, State, and the City of Jesup can make laws for the City.

No vote was made on the motion.

Commissioner Reddish asked is the City going to house someone else in this building before housing the Police Department if they need extra space.

Commissioner DeWitt informed Council he recently talked with two School Board members and they said there are no plans to require the Police Department or Sheriff Department to relocate from the old High School; there are additional facilities available within the building if more meeting space is needed; and the facility is available until the City and County secure other facilities or desire to move.

Commissioner Reddish stated he was not talking about a meeting place, but additional office spaces.

Commissioner DeWitt clarified there are additional rooms at that facility for whatever use the Police or Sheriff Department needs.

Commissioner Johnson stated he didn't think Council could make an intelligent decision until they decide what they want to do with the building.

Commissioner Drury made motion seconded by Commissioner Nichols to postpone the decision on Commissioner DeWitt's motion until the next meeting.

All Council voted yes.

Mr. Pat Perry, representing area residents of Oran Way, was present and stated they received a letter from City Attorney Leaphart requesting them to sign a declaratory judgment stating the 2nd of three different signed rezoning covenants was not legal.

Mr. Perry requested the following:

- 1) the request to sign a declaratory judgment be dropped,
- 2) the 3rd covenant be accepted by the City, and
- 3) the requested zoning changes be made as outlined in the 3rd covenant.

Commissioner DeWitt asked City Attorney Leaphart why the City needed to be a party to the covenant.

City Attorney Leaphart stated the City does not need to be a party of it, nor is it bounded by the covenant.

Commissioner DeWitt told Mr. Perry the area residents of Oran Way have a contract which states the roads will not be opened; and they have a right to enforce it. The City doesn't have any intent to open the roads, but cannot bind future Council.

Dr. Kevin Keown asked Council what was the purpose of the petition served by City Attorney Leaphart.

Commissioner DeWitt replied to simply say the City had no part of the 2nd covenant, and it had no force on the City.

Dr. Jeffrey Harris asked if the City is out of it, why is the City requesting the declaratory judgment; and why can't it be dropped?

Commissioner DeWitt replied it could be dropped.

Commissioner Nichols made motion seconded by Commissioner Drury to agree the City not be a part of the covenant; let it be between the two identities and leave the City out of it.

All Council voted yes.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Drury to accept the low bid of \$15,919.91 from Murphy Builder's Supply on material for McMillan Creek Greenway Walkway.

All Council voted yes.

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Mayor Herb Shaw called the meeting to order. Roll call was as follows:

Mayor, Herb Shaw	Present
Commissioner, Gerald DeWitt	Present
Commissioner, Lauren Drury	Present
Commissioner, James Johnson, Sr.	Present
Commissioner, Geneva Nichols	Present
Commissioner, Ricky Reddish, Sr.	Present
Commissioner, Bobby Townsend	Present
City Attorney, Alvin Leaphart	Present
City Manager, Onda Woodard	Present
Police Chief, Butch Hutcheson	Present

The Lord's Prayer was led by City Attorney Leaphart.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Hutcheson.

Mayor Shaw asked Council was the last motion stated in the minutes the motion on which everyone voted.

Mayor Shaw proceeded to display the expenses for Commissioners and himself for the past 2 years on the projection screen.

Mayor Shaw again asked was the last motion stated in the minutes the motion on which everyone voted.

Commissioner Townsend confirmed he did make that motion and voted on it.

Commissioner Nichols stated she seconded the motion.

Commissioner Johnson said Commissioner Drury made a stipulation to the motion to include all the Commissioners as well as the Mayor; and he stated the minutes need to reflect that change.

Commissioner Drury stated she made that comment about the situation, but did not include it in the motion.

Commissioner Nichols stated she didn't understand why they were going over the matter again when it's not on the agenda and no one has been informed of it.

Mayor Shaw stated he was clarifying the minutes.

Commissioner Townsend stated there's nothing to clarify; and told the Mayor he does not work with the present City Manager or City Council, nor did he work with the past City Manager.

Commissioner Johnson made motion seconded by Commissioner DeWitt to approve the minutes dated February 5, 2008.

All Council voted yes.

Mayor Shaw stated he contacted DCA and they stated the CDBG 20-year contract will expire in May 2008; and Council could allow a non-profit organization to utilize the MLK building.

Commissioner Nichols asked the Mayor did he discuss this with the City Manager.

Mayor Shaw replied he did not, but told Rev. Kendall Shaw at the last meeting Council would check it out.

Commissioner Townsend told Mayor Shaw he deals for the City, but does not keep Council informed until exactly when he wants to.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Townsend to express the willingness to enter into an operating agreement with a properly qualified daycare center operator for the MLK building if one would come forth and show their qualifications, and be willing to enter into a contract with the City with these instructions for providing these services.